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ANNUAL STEENS RIM RUN AND WALK SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 7TH

The 22nd Annual Chris Miller Memorial Steens Rim Run and Walk is set for Saturday, August 7, 2004. Race sponsors Ruthie's Jewelry, Hines Market, Miller Lite and Haines Distributing of Bend, Harney County Chamber of Commerce, and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management Burns District invite you to come run above the clouds.

The race starts on the Steens Mountain Loop Road near Jackman Park Campground and finishes at the East Rim Overlook. The 10K course follows the east rim of the Steens Mountain, passing the headwaters of both Fish Creek and the Little Blitzen. As you run along the rim's edge, a number of high mountain views will make the run a memorable experience. The race offers a tremendous challenge starting at an elevation of 7,835 feet and finishing above 9,700 feet.

The walk and run races will begin at 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., respectively. Participants should come dressed in attire appropriate for varying climates – weather conditions can range from hot and dry to snowy and windy, even in August, and especially at higher elevations.

Complimentary fruit and beverages will be available at the finish line, and prizes will be awarded to top finishers in each age category as soon as the race is over.

Everyone is welcome to participate, and those interested are encouraged to pre-register by calling Gary Miller at (541) 573-7221, the Harney County Chamber of Commerce at (541) 573-2636, or the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4400. For additional information, you may also visit the Burns District Web site at www.or.blm.gov/Burns.